

“Recovery of First Love: Steps to Recovery”

Part 2

Text: Psalm 63

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A. Steps to Recovery

1. **Remember our covenant relationship**
Ps. 63:1; 2 Cor. 6:14-18
 2. **Labor to find God**
Ps. 63:1; Phil. 3:12-15
 3. **Long to have God**
Ps. 63:1; Phil. 3:7-10
 4. **Confess spiritual barrenness**
Ps. 63:2; Luke 22:14-20
 5. **Recall past fellowship**
Ps. 63:2; Luke 22:14-20
 6. **Believe there is no higher satisfaction**
Ps. 63:3; Phil. 1:21-23
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B. Steps after Recovery

1. **God remains the single source of contentment**
CHARACTER: **Asaph – Psalm 73**
 - a. Avoid the envy of the world: vs. 12-14
 - b. Do not focus on the pain in suffering vs. 21-22; 26
 - c. Remember God’s presence: vs. 23
 - d. Remember your destination: vs. 24

2. Biblical meditation is pursued

CHARACTER: **Joshua – Joshua 1:8**

- a. You must be convinced of its necessity for obedience

- b. You must be convinced of its value

- c. You must be convinced of its difficulty

3. Fellowship with God is not neglected

CHARACTER: **Paul – Philippians 1:21-23**

- a. My primary calling in this life is to fellowship with God

- b. My primary desire in this life is to fellowship with God

4. Dependency on God is to be consistent

CHARACTER: **Jesus – Matthew 26:38-39**

- a. It takes suffering to produce dependence

- b. It takes death to self to continue dependence